



17TH APRIL 2020

CENSW CO-OPS FORUM 2019 - ACTION PLAN

CENSW held a Co-ops Forum in Sydney on the 26 October 2019. The purpose of the forum was to foster a shared vision between Housing Co-operatives and Common Equity NSW (CENSW) about potential opportunities in the sector.

The day was extremely successful and was attended by 41 co-ops representatives from 21 co-ops. Several activities set the scene for engagement and collaboration on the day, with a focus on understanding the role of CENSW and aligning organisational and sector priorities for the future.

Part of the day involved attendees being part of smaller round tables which focused on a number of key areas of interest including growth, sustainability, support, and the CCA. This assisted attendees to define, determine areas of interest, prioritize and offer solutions for a way forward. These areas were then voted on and form the basis of the CENSW Co-op Forum Action Plan. We will be posting sections of the Co-ops Forum Action Plan over the next few issues of the Bulletin, starting with the short-term goals.

To provide some guidance the Action Items were separated into different timeframe goals:

Short = within 1 year

Medium = 1 – 3 years

Long = 3 - 5 years

Business as Usual = already being undertaken

Item No.	Votes Received	What we heard	What we can do	Type of Goal
5	10	Sustainability- CENSW to negotiate a power purchasing agreement, on behalf of all co-op properties, with 100% accredited green power provider.	CENSW is currently investigating power options and will consult with sector on the two most suitable options. Planning to have an update by May 2020.	Short
6	9	Keep fine-tuning & developing the Company Rent model.	Link to Business Plan item 3.12. This also forms part of the CCA negotiations. There will be an Expression of Interest (EOI) for members interested in joining the CCA working group The first working group meeting is to be scheduled for May. Draft Terms of Reference for the group are being developed, to be presented to the working group for review and adoption.	Short
7	5	Education on CCA for Co-ops. i.e. hold a forum/meeting to clarify roles and responsibilities	CENSW will commence discussions around the CCA negotiations at March Regionals. Given that the CCA is up for review it's a perfect opportunity to commence consultations & education with co-ops. Co-ops will be invited to join a Working Group with the first meeting to take place in May.	Short
11	6	The sector to contribute to resources on the CENSW website for actions which co-ops can take in response to climate emergency	CENSW's Member portal is currently under review and will include links to our partners resources including the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment. Co-ops are invited to provide articles to CENSW to be shared in the member portal/website or via the Bulletin.	Short
15	4	CENSW negotiate aged care facilitation for tenants and tenant members	CENSW refers to My Aged Care through NSW Health to support eligible tenants access government funded aged care services. We understand that there are often waiting lists and CENSW will explore brokerage options for tenants who need access to services during wait list period	Business as Usual

THERMAL COMFORT UPGRADES – FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Common Equity NSW is extremely excited to announce that we have been successful in our application for funding from The Department of Planning, Infrastructure & Environment (DPIE) as part of the Home Energy Action Program. We are calling our project the Thermal Comfort Upgrades. Properties eligible for the upgrades are those that are 20 years of age or older. The first phase of the project was to identify eligible properties, this was being done through our property portfolio audits. Phase one of the audits took place earlier this year. As you may be aware the 2nd phase of the audits has now been put on hold due to the COVID -19 pandemic. The funds from DPIE have been committed to CENSW and the Thermal Comfort Upgrades project time frames will be reviewed and will continue at a later date.



[Here are some top tips on how to save energy and money](#), from the Energy NSW website.

*Common Equity NSW acknowledges the funding support from the NSW Government as part of the Home Energy Action Program.

COVID-19 UPDATE

On Wednesday 15 April 2020 the NSW Department of Health increased the suburbs eligible for testing to now include the Local Government Areas (LGA's) below:



- Blacktown Local Government Area
- Byron Shire Local Government Area
- Cumberland Local Government Area and all of postcode 2145 including the suburb of Westmead)
- Greater Taree former Local Government Area (Manning)
- Inner West Local Government Area
- Lake Macquarie Local Government Area
- Liverpool Local Government Area
- Penrith Local Government Area
- Randwick Local Government Area
- Ryde Local Government Area
- Waverley Local Government Area
- Woollahra Local Government Area

If you have symptoms, find your closest testing facility/COVID-19 clinic by calling 1 800 022 222 (healthdirect) or by visiting this [website](#).



FINDING LOCAL SUPPORT SERVICES

The [Ask Izzy web site](#) can help you to find the services you need, now and nearby. It is free and anonymous, and you can search over 360,000 services to find housing, meals, healthcare, counselling, legal advice, addiction treatment and a whole lot more.

Check for local Facebook groups that may have been formed in your area to help support people during this time.

CCA EXTENSIONS - DEADLINE: 30TH APR 2020

Common Equity NSW Ltd and Co-Operative Agreements

All Co-ops are kindly requested to please return the signed CCA Letter of Extension as soon as possible to: nick@commonequity.com.au

OR via post:

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Maintenance Out of Hours Emergency

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